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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6825

BILL NUMBER: HB 1592

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 16, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Long-Term Care Employee Flu Vaccinations.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Moseley

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State and Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires health facilities to provide or make available to employees immunizations against the influenza virus. The bill provides that immunizations are not required if there is an inadequate supply of the vaccine. It provides specific reasons that prohibit a health facility from requiring an employee to receive an immunization. It also repeals and relocates a definition.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate. There are no data available to determine the number of health facility employees that currently receive annual influenza immunizations or how the immunizations are paid for. There is a potential for the costs of compliance for the facilities to be passed through to the Medicaid reimbursement rate, although the rate setting methodology would delay any potential impact on the Medicaid program.

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) would also need to revise existing administrative rules. This activity is considered to be administrative in nature and achievable within the existing level of resources available to the ISDH. Additional tasks that might be required of state licensing inspectors as a result of the provisions of the bill would depend on the documentation requirements specified in rule.

The provisions of this bill would apply to employees of long-term care facilities, including comprehensive care facilities, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, residential care facilities, health facilities for children, and health facilities for developmentally disabled persons. The number of persons employed by these facilities is not known at this time. The ISDH does not collect data on the number of employees in facilities. Additionally, there are no data available on the number of employed persons that are covered by

insurance benefits that include routine influenza immunizations. It is not clear if the provisions of the bill would cover pool or temporary staff provided by temporary staffing agencies. Influenza vaccine can be purchased through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at a cost range per dose of \$11.10 to \$16.09 for private purchasers. Public purchasers can acquire the vaccine at a cost range of \$6.70 to \$14.247 per dose.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: See *Explanation of State Expenditures* as it applies to local government-owned health facilities.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: ISDH.

Local Agencies Affected: Local government-owned health facilities.

Information Sources: ISDH; CDC Vaccine Price List at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/cdc-vac-price-list.htm>.

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